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Edward Ackerman, Geographer With Carnegie Institution, Dead

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WASHINGTON, March 11 — Edward A. Ackerman, executive officer of the Carnegie Institution, an educational and research organization, died on Thursday, apparently of a heart attack, at National Airport. He was 61 years old and lived here.

Mr. Ackerman, a geographer and science administrator, was considered an authority on water resources and environmental systems. He served in Government executive and advisory posts before joining the Carnegie Institution in 1958.

He was born in Post Falls, Idaho, and graduated in 1934 from Harvard, from which he also received a Ph.D. degree in 1939. He taught geography there from 1940 to 1948 and at the University of Chicago from 1948 to 1951.

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In World War II, Mr. Ackerman served as chief of the geographic-reports section of the Office of Strategic Services. Later, he was technical adviser to the Supreme Commander, Allied Forces, in Japan.

In 1951, he was named chief of the resources and civil-works branch of the Bureau of the Budget. From 1952 to 1954, he was assistant general manager of the Tennessee Valley Authority. From 1954 to 1958, he directed the water resources program of Resources for the Future, Inc.

He had served in consulta-

tive posts with the Hoover Commission in 1948, the Departments of Interior and State, the House Foreign Affairs Committee, the Senate Committee on Natural Water Resources and the President's Panel on Water Resources Research.

Recently, Mr. Ackerman was a consultant to the National Water Commission, the United States Geological Survey and the United Nations Economic Commission of Europe. He was a trustee of the Washington Center for Metropolitan Studies and former chairman of its board.

Author of 8 Books

He wrote eight books, including "Japan's Natural Resources and Their Relation to Japan's Economic Future."

A former honorary president of the Association of American Geographers, he also moderated the World Population Conference in Belgrade in 1965.

Survivors include his widow, the former Adrienne Desjardins; two sons, Francis and Justin, and three daughters, Mrs. David Petty, Julia and Elizabeth.